



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Ascension Sunday 1 June 2025, Year C

Readings: Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Gospel Luke 2:46-53

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Parish Office Hours

04 478 7137

Mon to Thursday

8.30am—2.30pm

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Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Tue: 9.15 **No** Liturgy with St Brigid's
5.00pm Reconciliation
5.30pm Mass

Wed: 10.30 Reconciliation
11.00am Mass & Morning Tea

Thurs **5.30pm Liturgy with Communion**

suspended for winter

Fri: 8.30am Exposition & 9.00am Liturgy with Communion

Reconciliation can also be requested by arrangement with office 04 478 7137

The Ascension of the Lord

I have been to a number of funerals lately and airports to say goodbye to young ones as they travel overseas. These Goodbyes make me acutely aware of what family and friends mean to me and the meaning of **presence and absence**.

I guess the disciples in today's readings felt exactly the same.

They had loved Jesus and spent days watching what he did, hearing how he hoped the world would be and believing miracles would happen. They had seen him, touched him, shared food with him, hugged him. Then he was gone and they were left looking into the sky. I believe they became acutely aware of what his bodily presence and absence meant. They accepted and knew they were called to be **his body** now. His hands. His heart. His body. His living witnesses. They understood his life and their mission and that the promised Spirit would fill them with courage, joy and hope to live his life, bring his peace.

Let's recommit ourselves to be the **present** Body of Christ today. That makes sense of His presence and Ascension for me.

Kitty McKinley.

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Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: Tony Bordignon

Anniversaries:

Prayers for the sick, Fr Brian Wysocki, Kolotita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker, Tovia Fa'i, Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Lote So'oa, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Betty Stewart, Fr David Orange, , David Clarke, Saili Tafaese, Moe Pio Tafaese, Gerard McDonagh, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Joe Godinet, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Fr Peter O'Connell, .



For the more information please visit the Parish Website - <https://www.stfrancisohariu.nz>

Sacramental Programme 2025

The full Programme will run over term 3 and into term 4, starting with the **Parents Information Evening** on 22 July and finishing on 16 November with the First Communion Mass. For further information please refer to the home page of our Parish Website.

Please note all sessions will be held in our Parish Church and that the Sunday Sessions start immediately following the Sunday Mass.

For queries or would like an enrolment form, please contact Helen sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz. Blank forms are also available in the Church foyer, noticeboard on the right when entering the church.

Pentecost Sunday 7th & 8th June

On Weekend of Pentecost Sunday, the Parish will have 3 Masses, - The **Saturday 5pm Vigil, 8 am Sunday Mass and 10 am Mass** which will be led by St Brigid's. You may like to wear cultural costumes to celebrate Pentecost when people of different lands were able to understand the words the apostles were speaking.

Whānau are invited to bring a plate of finger food to share for the morning tea after the 10am Mass

Pentecost Event – Jubilee of Hope

Want to find out about some of the amazing groups that are active in our Archdiocese? Perhaps you already belong to one and would like to share it with others. This is your chance.

Join us in celebrating the Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Groups, Associations and Communities on Pentecost **Sunday, 8 June 2025**. The afternoon programme will be held in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Hill Street. Beginning at **2.30pm** and includes a shared dinner (please bring something to share) and will finish **with 7pm Mass** celebrated by Archbishop Paul. If you are interested in more information or contributing to the day, please contact: Bern McCabe 0211655463 or Kitty McKInley 021491459 and hear what groups in our parish, including Focolare and Challenge 2000 are doing and how they respond to the call of the gospel. This event is part of the Archdiocesan Celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope.

St Brigid's Fundraiser Movie - How to Train Your Dragon

14 June at 3pm in the Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn. Tickets are \$20pp. Poster in the Church Foyer or email the school saintbrigidfundraising@gmail.com.

School Enrolments

If you require a **Preference Certificate** please click [here](#) for the request form. Please email your completed request and any supporting documentation (such as Baptismal Certificates) to office@stfrancisohariu.nz. Please include a **phone number** in your email.

The St Vincent de Paul Society needs you!

If you have a car and are willing to volunteer to help transport the elderly or disabled living in the Ohariu parish area to Mass or to appointments (either occasionally or regularly) please contact **Justin 027 587 8467**. We appreciate your help.

Calling potential Altar Servers

Kia Ora! My name is Sherize, and together with Fr Gerard, we will be offering **altar server training**. If you have recently received your First Holy Communion and are interested in becoming an altar server or are currently serving, we'd love to hear from you. I can be contacted at sherizeconcessio@gmail.com, and we'll be in touch about upcoming training soon with details about the upcoming training sessions.

Vacancy – Director, Catholic Enquiry Centre:

The Catholic Enquiry Centre is seeking a new Director with a personal commitment to the Catholic Church along with a proven history of sharing the faith and of leading a team. Please send expressions of interest to secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz by **June 6**, please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

Attention Passionist Family Groups and Friends: **Johnsonville Lions are holding a quiz night Sunday 29 June 7pm** at 1841 Bar & Restaurant. Fundraising for equipment on the medical aircraft for life Flight Trust. Arrange a team(s) of 6 persons, register by email murraygray@xtra.co.nz for \$20 tickets, quiz info and payment details ASAP. Flyers in the Church Foyer

Marist St Pats RFC – The Clubs Annual Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 8 June 2025 at 10.30am at St Patricks Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. Mass will be celebrated by a morning tea. All welcome

Quote from Pope Francis

Laudato Si' Week in the Archdiocese of Wellington (10th Anniversary of Laudato Si')

"Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope."

Laudato Si' 244

Parish Office: 37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville

Office Hours Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 2.30pm

Email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz, Phone: 04 478 7137 **If you need to contact a priest urgently, such as for the Anointing of someone who is gravely unwell,**

please call: the Parish Office 04 478 7137 and select option 1

Website: www.stfrancisohariu.nz

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Parish Bank Account for Planned Giving/Koha

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